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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S TRIP - KANO

REF: LAGOS 2892, LAGOS 2893

1. YOUR MESSAGES LEAVE US QUITE CONFUSED. YOU SHOULD REPORT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE REASONS BEHIND THE NIGERIANS DECISION TO CHANGE SIGNALS ON KANO. AS YOU KNOW, THE NIGERIANS PRESSED US VERY HARD TO ACCEPT A KANO VISIT. OBASANJO RAISED THE MATTER PERSONALLY WITH THE PRESIDENT DURING HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. A CHANGE IN SIGNALS AT THIS POINT MAKES NO SENSE.

2. UNTIL WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA WHAT THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT'S REASONS AND INTENTIONS ARE, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU TAKE NO FURTHER STEPS TO DESIGN PRESS GUIDANCE OR INDICATE OUR INTENTION TO REVISE THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM.

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